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MATERIAL

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Sir:

The instant application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. serial No. 10/047,296 filed January 14, 2002 (hereinafter "Parent Application"). During examination of the Parent Application, Examiner indicated that claims 3, 4, 7-12, 21, 24 and 27-31 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The instant application includes 80 claims. Several of the claims have been drafted in a manner that takes into account Examiner's comments in first Office Action issued for the Parent Application. In particular:

- Claim 1 of the instant application generally corresponds to the combination of claims 1, 2 and 3 of the Parent Application, except that the claim recites to a light emitting material rather than a fluorescent material.
- Claims 2-6, 8-15 and 22 of the instant application, which depend from claim 1, generally correspond to claims 4, 6, 8, 10, 7, 13-20 and 22 respectively, of the Parent Application.
- Claim 18 of the instant application generally corresponds to the combination of claims 1, 2 and 7 of the Parent Application, except that

the claim recites a light emitting material rather than a fluorescent material.

- Claims 19-22 of the instant application, which depend from new claim 18, generally correspond to claims 9, 11, 12 and 5, respectively, of the Parent Application.
- Claim 25 of the instant application generally corresponds to the combination of claims 1, 2 and 21 of the Parent Application, except that the claim recites a light emitting material rather than a fluorescent material.
- Claim 27 of the instant application generally corresponds to claim 24 of the Parent Application, except that the claim recites a light emitting material rather than a fluorescent material.
- Claim 28 of the instant application, which depends from claim 27, corresponds to claim 31 of the Parent Application.
- Claim 30 of the instant application generally corresponds to the combination of claims 25, 26 and 27 of the Parent Application, except that the claim recites a light emitting material rather than a fluorescent material.
- Claims 31 and 32 of the instant application, which depend from claim 30, generally correspond to claims 29 and 30 of the Parent Application.
- Claim 34 of the instant application generally corresponds to the combination of claims 25 and 28 of the Parent Application, except that the claim recites a light emitting material rather than a fluorescent material.

It is noted that in the examination of the Parent Application, Examiner indicated that claim 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, it is noted that claim 24 in the Parent Application is an independent claim. As a result, based on the comments by the Examiner, claim 24 of the Parent Application would be allowable. Claim 27 in the instant application generally corresponds to claim 24 in the Parent Application.

If there are any questions regarding the above, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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